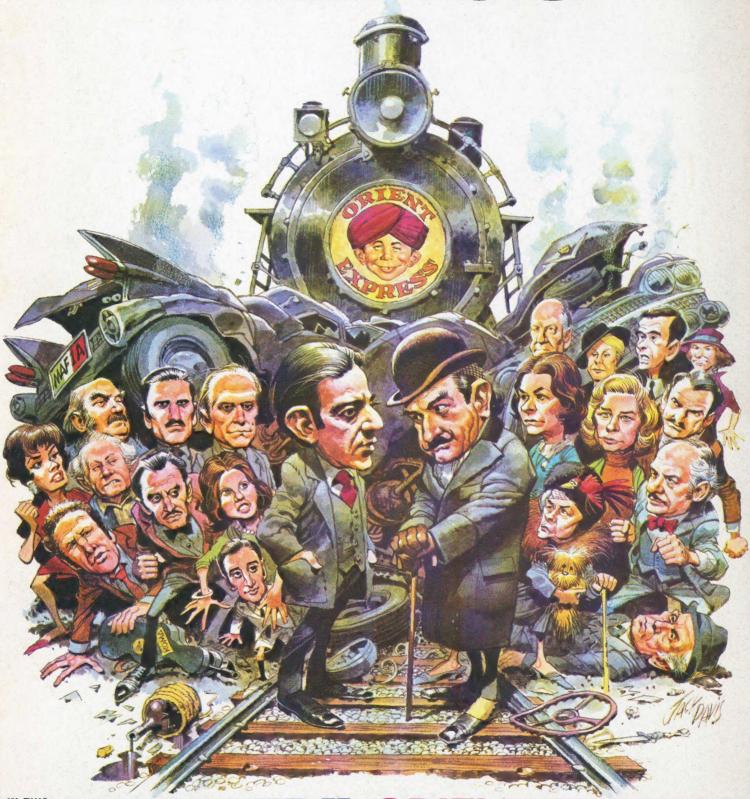
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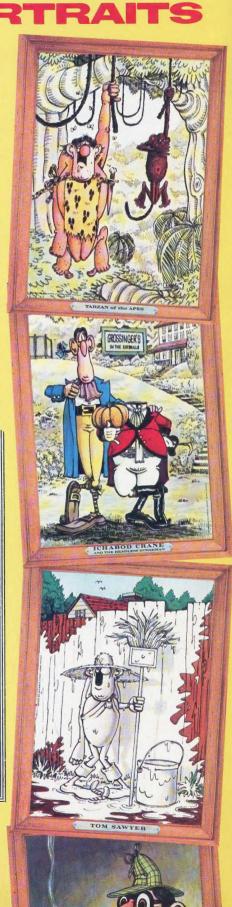


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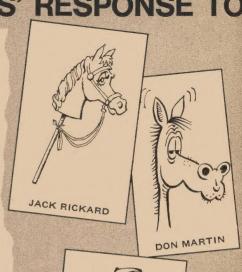
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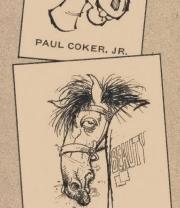
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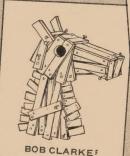
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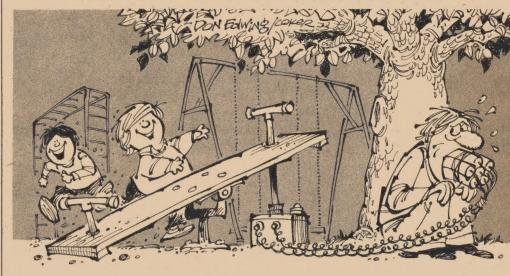


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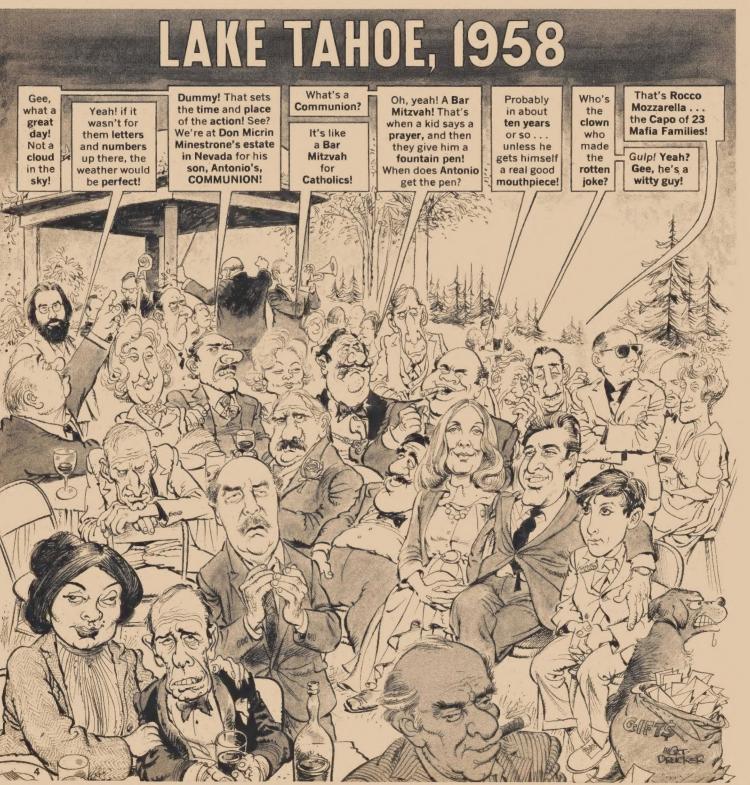
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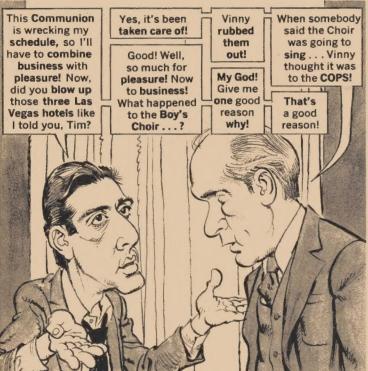
When last we saw the beloved Minestrone Family three years (and a couple of hundred bodies, and several Academy Awards, and \$100 million in box office grosses) ago, God had made Vino, the original Odd Father, an offer he couldn't refuse and called him to that "Great Pizzeria In The Sky," and Micrin, Vino's youngest son, had taken over. We pick up the action again with Micrin Minestrone as Head of the Family and determined to prove that he can play...

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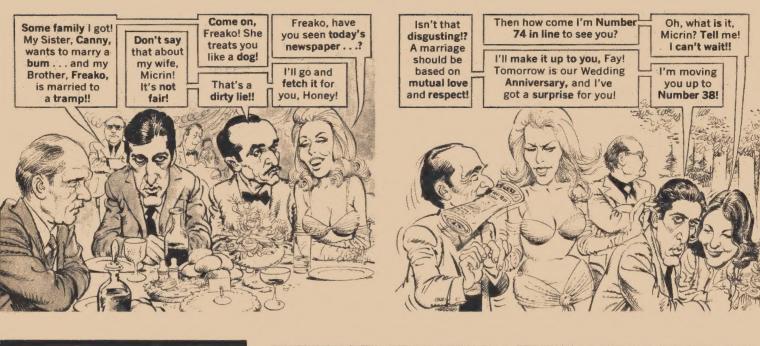
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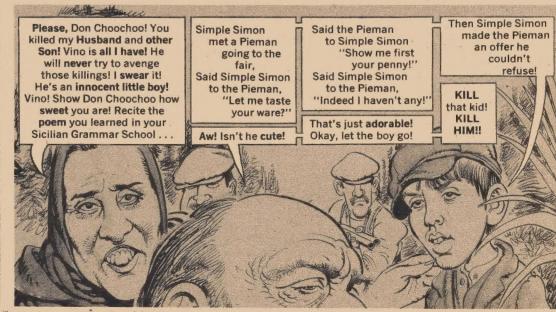
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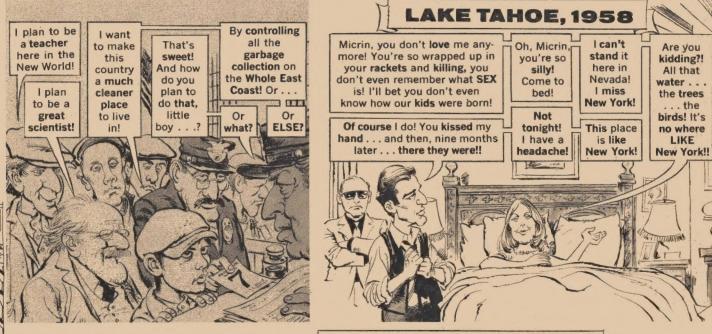












Okay, Vino-

you're fired!

But you said

I have a job

here as long

as you live!

ROSSE

Look at it this

way! If I don't

do what he says,

how much money

can you make in

the next seven

seconds?!?

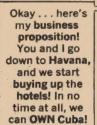












Listen, Herman, the Mafia may move in strange ways, but we're really patriotic Americans! We're not interested in owning any foreign country!

I'm sorry, Micrin! I didn't . .

Yes, sir! Owning the good ol' U.S.A. is enough for us!!



Batista is

very friendly

I'm with

General

Motors!

As the President of Cuba, I welcome all you important Industrialists! Please state your company affiliation!

> Mmm! I love I'm with YOU, I'm with the sound of Castro United get those names! Convertibles! out! Airlines!



It's a lot of little things! He's been acting very nervous lately! And he looks at me strangely! And then there's the notation I found on his desk calendar: "Blast Micrin off the face of the Earth today!"

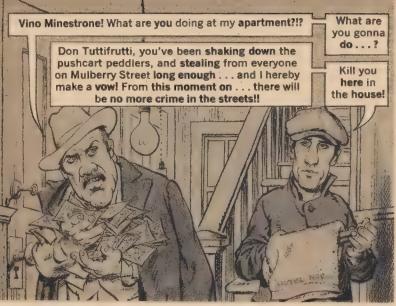
Your OWN BROTHER?!? How can you be sure?!? Yeah, but how can

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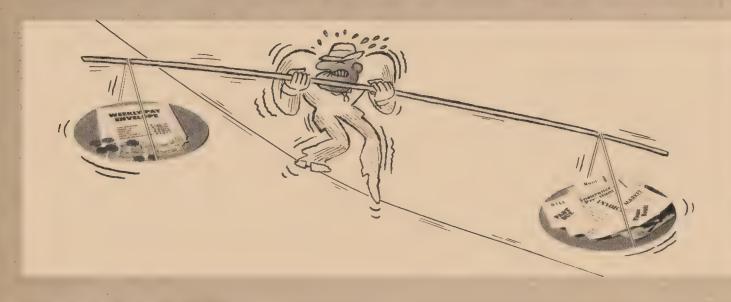




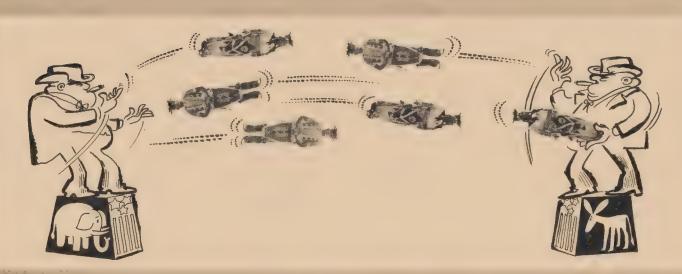




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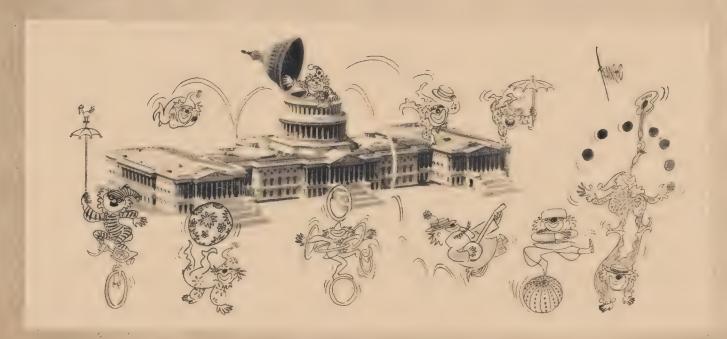




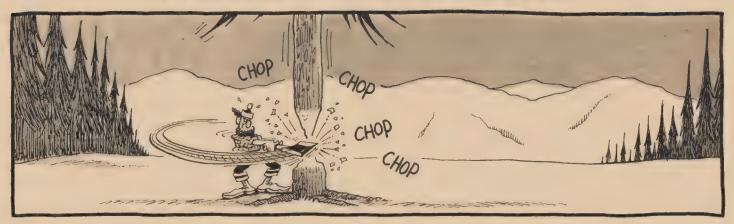








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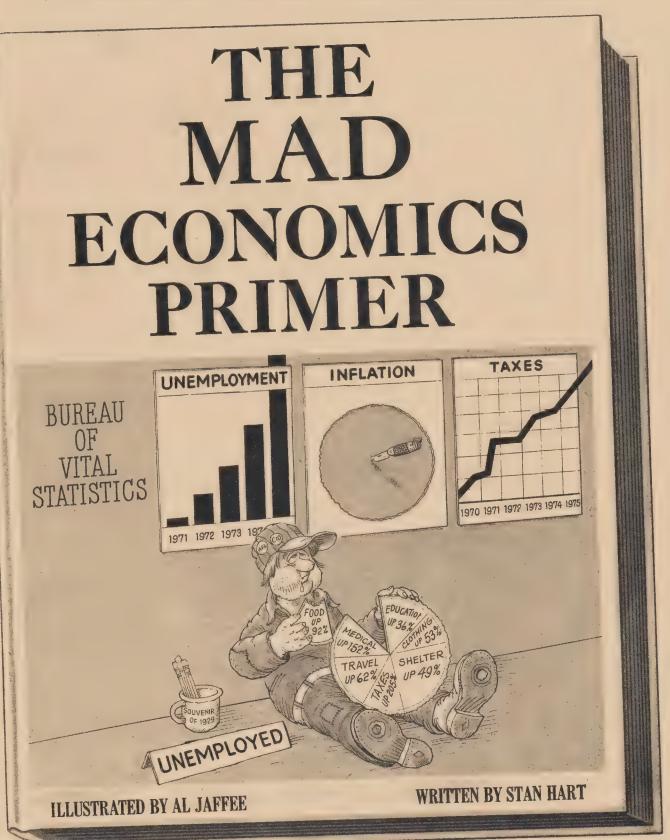






CURRENCY EVENTS DEPT.

These days, our country is going through a very rough period. And no one seems to understand how . . . or why. But there are many Economists who offer solutions. Since you'll never read your Economics textbooks, we thought we'd give you a "cram course" in Economics. We call it a "cram course," because after you read it, you'll know one thing . . . just where to cram those Economists' solutions!



See the funky people wearing funky clothes. See the old movies they're going to. America is on a "Nostalgia" kick. Everyone wants to turn back the clock To the "Good Old Days."

In the area of ECONOMICS, The clock has already been turned back To the 1930's.

And if you believe Those old days were good—
You also believe that whales can tap dance!

But our Economic Situation today
Isn't exactly like it was back then.
Back then we had unemployment
And the price of everything was down.
Today, we have unemployment
And the price of everything is up.
Hey! Maybe those were the "Good Old Days"!
(Do a Soft Shoe, Moby Dick!)





We have always been told
That America is the Land of Plenty.
And it's true.
Today, there's plenty of unemployment
And plenty of businesses going broke
And plenty of frightened people.
What America needs now is
Strong leadership in Washington
With plenty of good ideas.
Oops! America just ran out of plenty.

See the confused man.
He is wondering how it all happened.
Last year, everything was "Whoopie!"
Now things are all "Icch, ptooey!"
Why?
Well, remember Vietnam?
We spent 250 billion dollars there
Just to keep our friend, President Thieu in office,
And thereby make sure that
Corruption would not vanish from Southeast Asia.
Icch, Thieu—y!!

Then we made a deal with our friends,
The Russians,
We sold them wheat at bargain prices,
In the middle of a wheat shortage,
And domestic food prices took off
Like a Sputnik.
Isn't that a funny way to fight Communism?

Then our pals in Saudi Arabia, Iran and Venezuela Quadrupled the price of oil And millions of Americans
Were thrown out of work.
Isn't it nice that our Government
Works so hard to keep such good friends abroad
While losing them at home?



See the lady shopping for food.
See how she holds on to her shopping cart.
Why does she hold on to it so tight?
Is she afraid someone might steal it?
No, she needs it for support.
Because when she sees the prices
She might faint!
See her run to the "Express Checkout."
Why is she going there?
So she can get out of the store fast
Before the prices change again.

A few years ago, you could feed A family of four for \$25 a week. You still can! If you're a family of Munchkins. With the price of food so high, You have to be affluent To even afford malnutrition.





See the farmer deep in thought.
Is he trying to figure out
What to plant where?
No, he is trying to figure out
What NOT to plant where!
Because if he plants too much,
He will lose money.
There will be an oversupply of food,
And prices will go down.
To prevent this, the Government
Gives him a subsidy.
A subsidy is money for not planting crops.
It's like getting an "A" in History
For not showing up in class.

Who pays these Government subsidies? Guess!
That's right! You do!
Your taxes go to the farmer as subsidies
So he will plant less crops
So you will pay more for food!
You're a two-time loser!

Does this system sound strange to you? How do you think it sounds
To the starving Asians or Africans?
They know that America could feed
All the hungry people of the world.
If the price was right!

See the old people shopping.
They are the hardest hit
Because they live on fixed incomes.
See them spend their meager funds
Buying dog food.
Isn't that sweet?
Not when you realize
That more than half of them
Don't even own dogs.



Economics experts say
That we will have 9% unemployment.
They call it "an acceptable level."
It's not very acceptable
If you're one of the 9%.

Experts now predict that the economy
Will turn later this year.
And now the workers are concerned.
They're afraid that the Experts may be right,
And the economy will turn from bad to worse.

To keep their jobs, many workers Work fewer hours, or take pay cuts. In the same spirit, some executives Have also taken pay cuts. The head of General Motors cut his pay in half. From \$700,000 to \$350,000 a year. Which proves that, in a Democracy, Hard times affect everyone alike.





See the President. He is working to solve our economic problems Can he do it? People have their doubts. They're afraid that this Ford May turn out to be another Edsel. When he came into office, He vowed to fight inflation With a bold new idea. What was the idea? Print millions of buttons. Remember the "W.I.N." buttons? They were very popular With eight year old kids. Almost as popular As "Chicken Inspector" buttons.

First, the President wanted to increase taxes.'
Next, he wanted to decrease taxes.
First, he said we should save our money.
Next, he said we should spend our money.
But don't feel embarrassed about our President.
After all, you didn't vote for him.
Come to think of it, NOBODY did!

Maybe he's not as foolish as we think.
He made Nelson Rockefeller the Vice President.
Maybe that was a shrewd move.
Maybe the President hopes
That Rockefeller will buy the country
And give us all an allowance.

But if Rockefeller DID buy the country, Would he keep Mr. Ford? Or would he want someone With greater insight, greater ability, And greater stature? Someone like Ronald McDonald!



See the men with all the charts and graphs.

They are Economists.

They can predict what is going to happen to the economy.

They are very consistent.

They are never right.

Economics is a science.

However, it is not as exact a science

As Astrology, Numerology or Tea Leaf Reading.

Economists have their own language

That prevents them from being understood.

For instance, Economists will tell us they have good news.

They will say, "The rate of unemployment is down."

Does that mean that fewer people are out of work?

No, it means that more people are out of work,

Only less more than last month.

Understand?

What to do?

Good! You're not supposed to!

It's like a Doctor telling you he has bad news and good news.

The bad news is: You only have a month to live.

The good news is: The days are getting longer.





How can you beat the high cost of living? Experts tell you to put Six months' income in a savings bank. How are you supposed to do that? Maybe by robbing another savings bank!

Maybe you can grow your own vegetables, Even if you live in an apartment. You could save about \$25 a month. Would that help? Not necessarily! Your landlord would probably Raise your rent \$50 a month, Because now you have a Garden Apartment. Net loss: \$25.

You could save money
By lowering the temperature
To 65° in the winter.
That saves you about \$10 a month.
Or does it?
At 65°, your whole family
Will come down with all kinds of sicknesses.
And you'll have a \$50 doctor bill.
Net loss: \$40.

Forget the whole thing and have a good time? Go to a movie and get away from it all? Not so fast! Movies cost \$3.50! And that's \$14 for a family of four! With that money, you could feed a family of four For 15 minutes. Of course, you could go to a Drive-In Movie. That's cheaper. Unless you drive! With the price of gasoline It comes to about the same thing. Oh, well, hang in there, America.

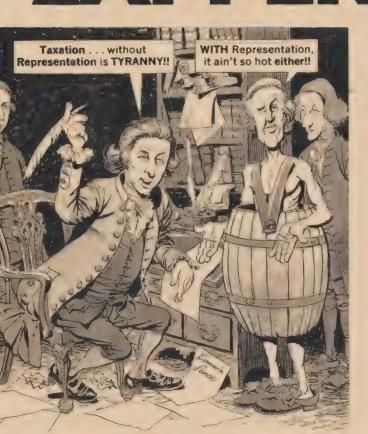
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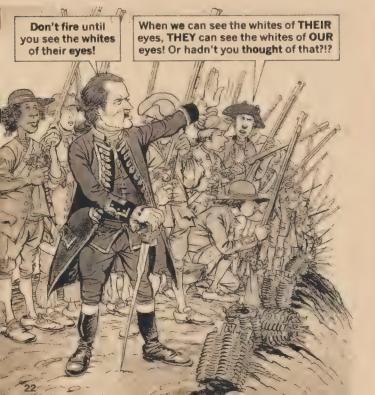


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History has recorded the famous words uttered by famous men . . . words that we all know well. But did it ever occur to you that maybe the other people present didn't just stand around applauding

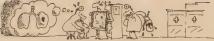
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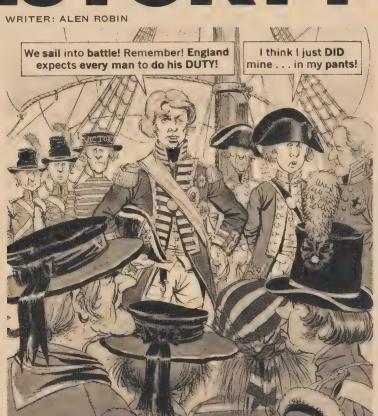


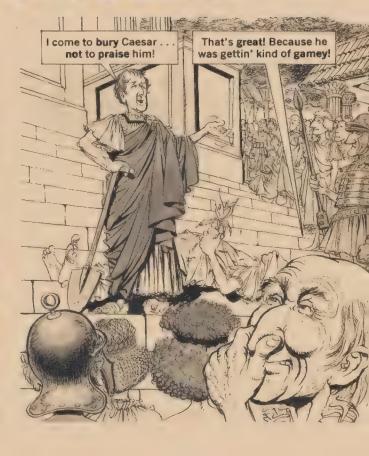


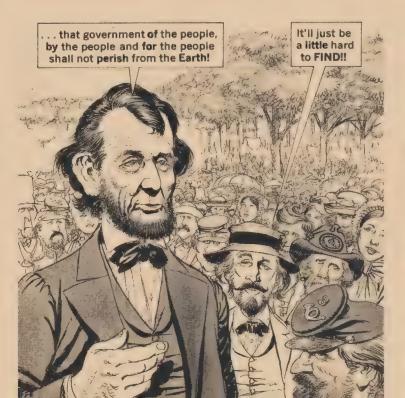


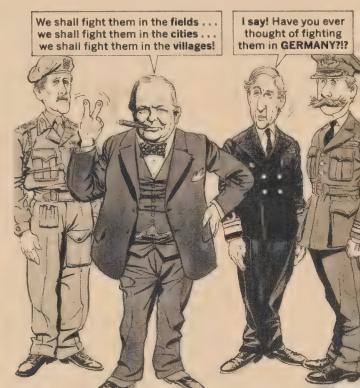
when those words were said . . . that maybe somebody else had an answer or a topper or some equally important words to say in rebuttal . . . only we're not familiar with those words because they're the

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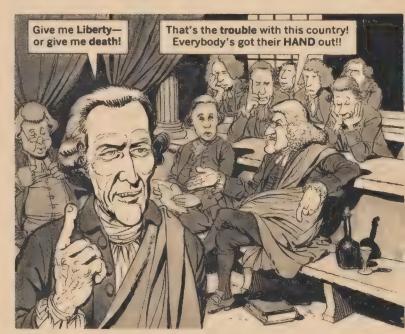


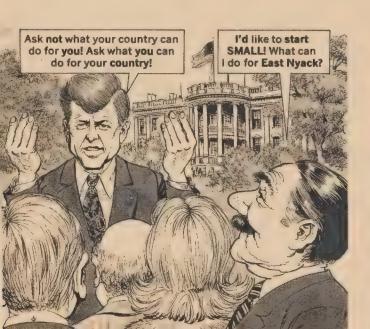








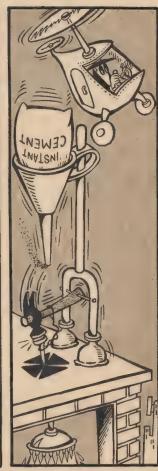


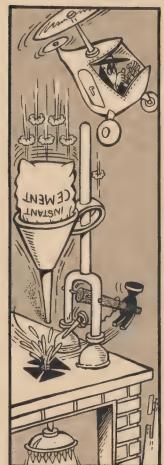
















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WRITERS: STAN HART & E. NELSON BRIDWELL

MAUDE



The story of Edith's cousin, who was divorced three times, whose daughter's already gone that route once, whose voice is louder and lower than a Longshoreman's, and who does real funny things like having abortions.

MIKE AND GLORIA



Archie and Edith's kids move to their own show after Mike graduates into the army of the unemployed, Gloria loses her job, and they go on Welfare where they spend all their time demonstrating for funny liberal causes.

GOOD TIMES



Florida, Maude's former maid, who didn't do windows, but did do enough scene-stealing shticks to get her own show (and family), has fun trying to subsist in Chicago during times that are anything but "good".

CAROL



Maude's daughter takes her invisible child and moves into her own show where she tries to answer the ageold question, "Can a divorced Mother find happiness with nothing more to offer a man than a size 38 bust?"



Florida's boy strikes out on his own, (and does, with bases loaded, yet) as an artist who moonlights as a scarecrow and who regularly gets into trouble because he smiles too broadly and keeps swallowing his ears.

COCKNEY KOOK



Mrs. Naugatuck, Maude's maid, gets her own show which offers TV viewers something startlingly new . . . a real live WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant) in the only situation comedy ever done with English sub-titles.



I In The Family"

THE JEFFERSONS



Archie's former neighbor, a success who moves away so he can escape the bigoted White establishment and set up a bigoted Black establishment, discovers his son is so bland that he may not even get his own spin-off.

ARTHUR



Arthur realizes that, by hanging around Maude, he'll never be anything more than a dull successful surgeon, so he takes off in his own show and proves that questions of life and death need not be all that serious.

Tree

-OR"THE HISTORY
OF A SPIN-OFF
BONANZA-PAST,
PRESENT AND
FUTURE"

Present Spin-Offs

Spin-Offs To Come

STEP ON HARRY



Bentley, the Jeffersons' confused Englishman, who can only get rid of a backache by having someone walk all over him (which may explain why they lost the Empire) gets even more confused when no one watches his show.

THE WILLISES



The Jeffersons' neighbors, that racially mixed couple, move to Queens next door to an obnoxious bigot, his deranged wife, his goofy daughter and lumpish son-in-law who immediately start pushing for their own show.

Consider the history of Mankind! In the beginning, the jungle was dangerous and threatening! And so, for comfort and safety, Manmoved inside protective dwellings! Today, Civilization has reached great heights! And yet, Mankind still feels threatened and in danger! So we've reversed the process! Today, for comfort we bring the JUNGLE inside our dwellings, as my Wife has done!

You said it, Pal! Including the WATERFALLS!



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...

INDOOR Care

battle!

What a healthylooking vegetable garden! Well, it gave me plenty of trouble! I really wanted a successful garden this year, but I ran into a problem!



Weeds kept sprouting and choking off the seedling plants! I started a real battle with them, raking —and pulling them out—and using weed killers!



Well, you must've won the battle! You have a beautiful crop . . . !



Actually, I lost the Those are the WEEDS!!



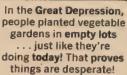
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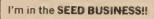
It's not that bad!

Just look around you!
People are growing
their own vegetables!
That shows you things
aren't going so well!

It all depends on your point of view!



Well, as I see it, things are booming!











AND OUTDOOR











ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

You've got the best darn garden in the neighborhood!
Tell me the truth, Charlie
... what's your secret?

Modern technology
... and the miracle
of "Better Living
Through Chemistry"!



I bought this special package of fertilizer! It's the latest thing in the ever-advancing science of Agronomics! It has a fantastic ingredient that works like magic!

Really?!? What IS this fantastic ingredient . . . ?



HORSE MANURE!!





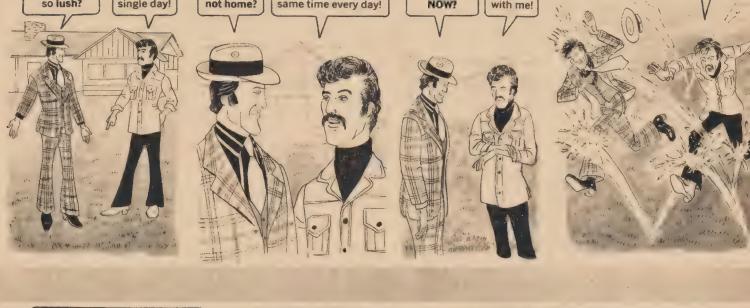




















AD WE'D LIKE TO SEE

THE GERITOL COMMERCIAL

I love my Wife! She's a good Mother! She helps the kids with their homework . . . she cleans the house . . .



 \ldots she does the $cooking\ldots$ and the $dishes\ldots$ and the wash . . . and the shopping . . . and she never complains!



I always say, "Why not take care of yourself?" So I get plenty of rest, I eat balanced meals, and I take Geritol!



my girlfriend here! Then, maybe I'd go home more often!

Yep, I love my Wife! Too bad she don't look as good as



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JOHN PAUL GETTY



HENRY KISSINGER



RALPH NADER



CELEBRITIES' SECRETS

WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

EVEL KNIEVEL



GLORIA STEINEM



FIDEL CASTRO



COL. SANDERS



FROM BAD TIMES TO VERSE DEPT.

Jack Sprat and his Wife aren't splitting the meat these days. They can't afford any. Little Miss Muffet has hocked her tuffet and hasn't had curds and whey in a month. Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard is twice as bare as it used to be, and Peter Peter's so broke he can't pay for a pumpkin. Like the rest of us, the Nursery Rhyme Folks have fallen on bad times, which is our way of introducing...

Mary Had A Little Lamb



Mary had a little lamb, It's fleece was white as snow; And everywhere that Mary went The lamb was sure to go.

But Mary found the cost of meat Had soared, which didn't please her; Tonight she's having leg of lamb— The rest is in the freezer.

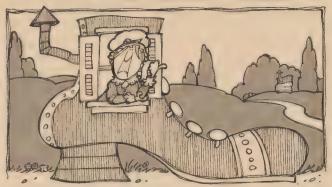
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star



Twinkle, twinkle little star,
Way up in the sky so far;
How I'd love to spend my days
Basking in your brilliant rays;
I wish and pray that you were near,
Inside our house, just shining here;
Because we won't have light until
We pay off our electric bill.

MAD'S MOTH

There Was An Old Woman

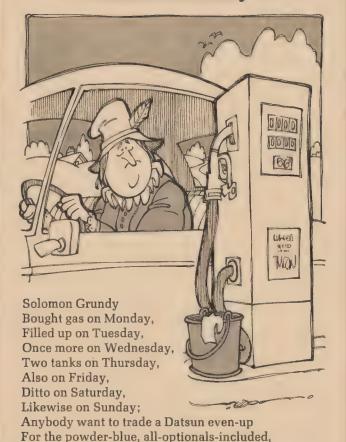


There was an old woman who lived in a shoe, Who said, "With my income, it's all I can do; "It may be substandard, but just down the block, "I know an old woman who lives in a sock."

ARTIST: PAUL COKER, JR.

WRITER! FRANK JACOBS

Solomon Grundy



Comfort-Control, 1975 Cadillac of Solomon Grundy?

RECESSION ER GOOSE

Simple Simon



"Inflationary!" Simon screamed,

"My business you are losing!"

The pieman shrugged, "I'd charge much more

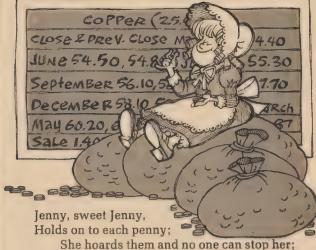
"If sugar I were using."

Little Jack Horner



Little Jack Horner Now stands on a corner And begs for a small contribution; They had to close down The big steelworks downtown, But at least there's a lot less pollution.

Jenny, Sweet Jenny



She hoards them and no one can stop her;

They'll never be spent

'Cause she's found ev'ry cent

Now contains twice its value in copper.

Wee Willie Winkie



Wee Willie Winkie Runs where he goes-Skipping past the grocer's, Dodging those he owes.

True, he's a deadbeat; Still, what the hell-Compared to all his neighbors, Willie's doing well.

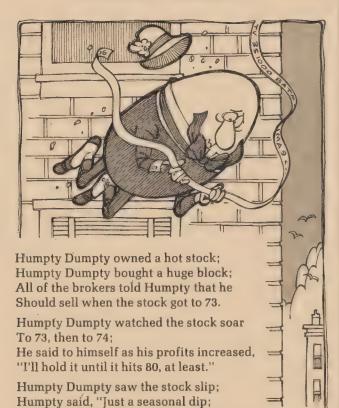
What Are Little Dimes Made Of?



What are little dimes made of?
What are little dimes made of?
Lead and zinc
And scrap-iron, I think,
That's what little dimes are made of.

What are dollar bills made of?
What are dollar bills made of?
Not much, I fear
And it gets worse each year.
That's what dollar bills are made of.

Humpty Dumpty



"And make even more, which will really be nifty."
Humpty Dumpty saw the stock dive
From 50 to 30 to 14 to 5;
He said, "Yes, I've heard there is talk of a crash,

"But I'm buying up more with what's left of my cash."

I'll buy up a batch while it's sitting at 50,

Humpty Dumpty let out a shout; Humpty Dumpty said, "I'm wiped out!" He jumped from a window and said with a cry, "The market's hit bottom—and soon so will I."

Jerry, Jerry, Big and Hairy



Jerry, Jerry, big and hairy, How does your loansharking grow? "With luckless slobs "Who've lost their jobs "And have to see me to get dough."

Jerry, Jerry, big and hairy,
What do you charge for your service?
"My cash is lent
"At thirty per-cent;
"They pay up, or else I get nervous."

Jerry, Jerry, big and hairy, What if some poor slob is late? "I bust his nose

"And stomp on his toes
"Then double the in-ter-est rate!"

Tweedledum and Tweedledee



Tweedledum and Tweedledee Were called to Washington To solve the economic mess And see what could be done.

They talked of things like price controls, Of more aid to the states, Of tax deductions, welfare boosts And higher tariff rates.

The more they talked, the more they fought As only experts can;
Until, one day, they both agreed
They had the perfect plan.

"There's just one way," they told the press;

"It's always worked before;

"To solve the economic mess, "We need a nice long war."

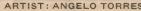




There's a new hit mystery movie making the rounds these days! The big mystery about this movie is why so many prominent stars agreed to participate in this idiotic...

MUDDLE ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS





Cheez!

Forget

about

the

lousy

light!

l just

gave

smoking

And wire the Ovaltine Co. about that chipped Orphan Annie mug!

Yes, sir! Anything else?

Did you answer all my mail?

Everything but the anonymous

Why didn't you answer THOSE, you idiot?! Why do you think I hired you as my Secretary? I can handle ordinary mail MYSELF!!



Would you mind giving me a light?

Hmm! Why do you ask for a light when I observe a lighter on the table? Perhaps it does not work . . . or perhaps you wish to speak to me on another matter that does not concern a light! Perhaps fate has sent me to your table . . . two strangers on a train, their lives entwined by steel rails and steam!

forever!

I'll get to the point! My life is in danger! I'll pay you a lot of money to take on a job for me! I need a bodyguard!

bodyguard? thought you needed a light?!?

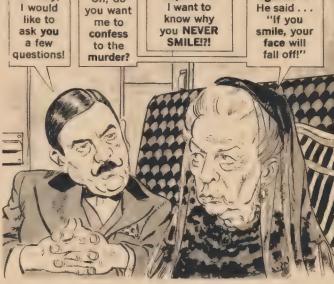












No, something

much more

important!

My Make-Up

Man advised

against it!

Princess

Dragimoff,

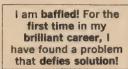
if I may,

-yawn--

Oh, do







You can't figure out how the murder weapon got into her handbag?

No . . . that is simple! The murderer placed it there! What I cannot figure out is how she got so much junk into that small handbag!



Ahh, Count Adrenali! I notice that the signature on your wife's passport has been obliterated by grease spots . .

I was perfectly clear until you ran your fingers through your hair and then picked it up!



Mr. Lardman, I see by your passport that you are a **Theatrical Agent!**

Listen to this . . .

I'm sorry!

to. Broadway!

Give my

regards •

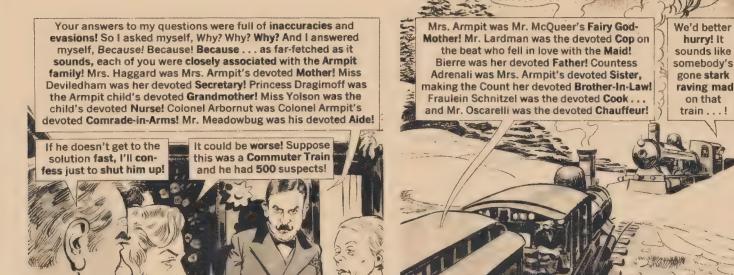
On the good Lollipop!

How about

this . . . ?



























WHAT LARGE
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TO HAVE
PRESIDENT
FORD JOIN
THEIR RANKS?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

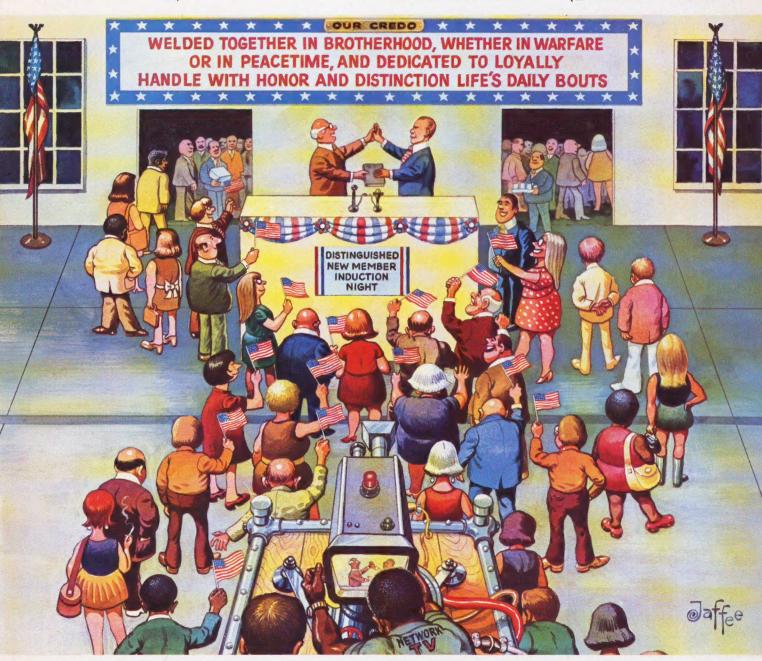
Groups with special problems always attempt to enlist prominent new members in order to focus attention on their needs. Thus, President Ford is eagerly sought by many to lend prestige to their cause. To discover one of the largest of these groups, simply fold in the page as shown.



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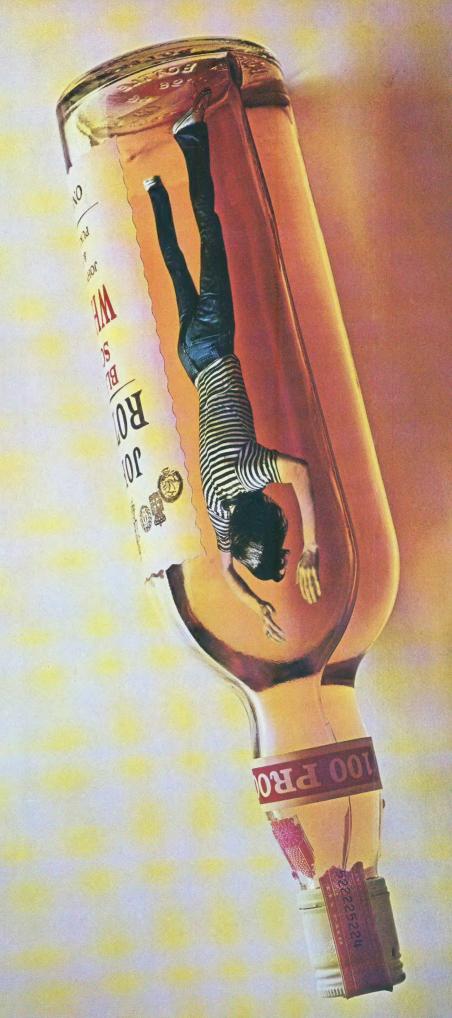
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THOUSANDS OF GROUPS HOPE FORD WILL COME JOIN THEIR RANKS SO THE PRESIDENT CAN BLESS THEM WITH HIS PRESENCE AND APPROVAL

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HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, KID!

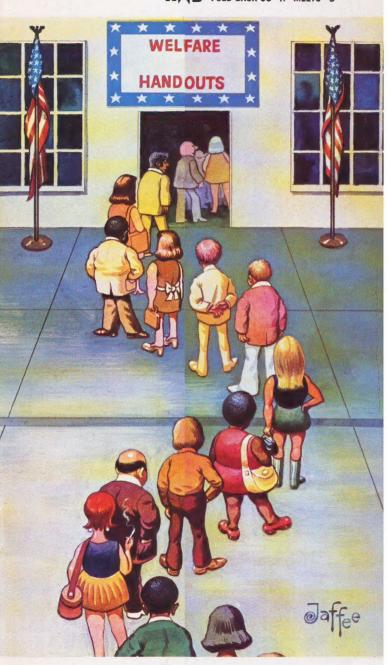


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